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Dear Sir:

Applicants request a five-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(b) in which to file an Appeal Brief. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, a Request for a Continued Prosecution Application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) is being filed on even date herewith.

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